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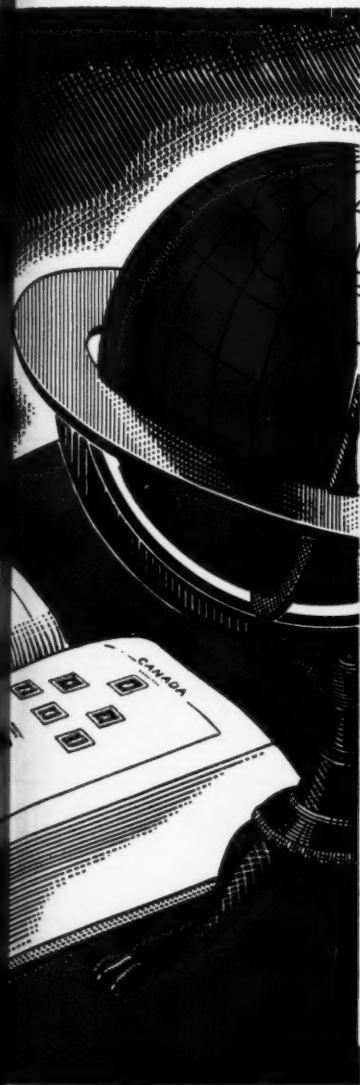
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Someone Finally Did It



ANOTHER page you'll find a letter from a collector who felt something should be done about gum—and did it. We have all read and heard requests that gum be removed from stamps for the good of our stamps, but Mr. Gray is the first person we've met who actually removed the gum from his. And moreover he chose the (we hope not significant!) date of Friday the 13th to do it. It may be that his ventures in collecting precancels as a sideline to his other collections, taught him how gum can be done away with no harm to stamps, collection, collector or resale value of the stamps. We have always admired precancel collectors for those two things they ignore, gum and watermarks. But that's another story.

Many a collector has been waiting for someone else to take the initiative in removing gum and it now is to be seen how many will follow Mr. Gray's lead. We suggested a while back that of all the societies organized in this hobby, it was surprising that an Anti-Gum organization had not been formed. All that is needed to rout gum from its place of high respect is an organized campaign against it.

We've had our say before on the subject of gum. It certainly does our stamps no good. And we all seem agreed that it is dangerous in more ways than one. When aged or dried, it has a tendency to crack, cracking the paper at the same time. U. S. of the early Bureau printings are good examples of this danger. In attempting to keep their stamps O. G. collectors have stained and discolored them due to climate, materials used, or just a poor grade adhesive. It might even be said that in removing the gum one also removes the danger of the rest of the family using choice specimens for postage. In some households that should be a decisive argument in favor of removal of gum.

Only fear of decrease in value, has kept most collectors from removing gum. If all should commence buying and selling with a complete disregard of the gooey stuff, that fear would soon be shown unnecessary. It is not necessary to wait for all collectors. Once a strong group makes gum a nuisance instead of a necessity, we can all remove it from our stamps and be assured our philatelic treasures won't deteriorate due to something that adds nothing to the beauty or interest of our collections.

—R. R.

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New York Roundup

By WALTER KANER, Director

"The Stamp Man" Program Station WWRL, Woodside, L. I.

More than three and a half billion stamps of 1, 1½, 2 and 3 cents denomination were distributed among the nation's 45,000 postmasters to handle the Christmas rush. And speakin' of Yuletide, the 1939 season found six million Christmas cards wending their way to the Dead Letter Office . . . Brooklyn's popular Edwin E. Elkins heads BALISEA again. Coincident with the re-election comes word there will be no 1941 BALISEA stamp show due to the international and domestic situations . . . Meantime Mort De Groot, prez of the Bronx County Stamp Club, announces that the Bronx Interboro Philatelic Exhibition or BIPEX will be held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, May 7 to 10, 1941 . . . New York's Lesgor and Reel, 551 Fifth Ave., have taken over the general stock of the Nassau Stamp Co. along with the name and good will. They'll operate under the new name after May . . . Thomas D. Perry, author and stamped envelope authority, is urging the Post Office Dept. to release a new series of stamped envelopes . . . There's a campaign under way to have the Department do something about improving the designs appearing on U. S. stamps. Several of America's leading artists are being asked to co-operate . . . Ezra Stone, young comedy star, offered a side-splitting broadcast which used stamps as theme of the plot during one of his "Aldrich Family" programs . . . While on Dec. 17, Bob Hope, who can tell some mean ones, together with Jerry Colona, Bill Goodwin, Yehudi, and the rest opened up their own post office during their broadcast to cash in on the Christmas business. Hope pulled a classic with the punch line "Stamp and Sway with Jim Far-lay."

THEY SAY

Louis Rubin is a farmer living on the outskirts of Charleston, South Carolina. His mail is delivered by a rural carrier, an ordinary procedure. But, not so long ago, a family of hornets set up house-keeping in his mail box. Rubin tried smoking them out, but the hornets always returned. Not so the postman, who vowed that he wouldn't get stung twice in the same place. So, now he phones Rubin to meet him at the corner when he has a letter for him.

Precancel fans will converge upon New York May 2 to 4 when the New

York Precancel Club holds its fourth annual roundup at the Cornish Arms Hotel . . . H. R. Harmer, veteran London stamp auctioneer, arrived in New York with authorization from the British Board of Overseas Trade to sell several important collections. Money obtained will be used by the British Government to purchase munitions here in the United States. Harmer has four sons in active military service . . . Christian Berger heads the City College Philatelic Society for the 1941 season . . . Consider the plight of the poor postage stamp—it's licked before it starts.

Well the Yuletide season has come and gone. This year like every year the Post Office Dept. underwent a deluge of requests for a Christmas stamp, and this year like every year they turned them down. Such a stamp would be in use but a short time, and the extra expense of printing and distributing would make it impractical.

One of the true oddities of this hobby of ours is the amazing number of stamp magazines that have made their appearance only to disappear into oblivion after a short publishing period. From 1870 to 1879, more than 108 magazines were launched. Seven, only seven, lasted even two years. The next ten year period saw 248 new ones appear with an equally high rate of mortality. Today, while the number of new publications may not be as high, there are constant new comers. Those stamp magazines which have weathered the tide and have proved their worth are deserving of your fullest co-operation. Perhaps in no other field does a magazine offer its readers such high value for such a low price.

January dates from our philatelic calendar. Jan. 3—28 years ago this day United States Postal Banks were formed. Jan. 9—First balloon ascension in the United States was made from Philadelphia on Jan. 9, 1793, by Jean Pierre Blanchard . . . and on July 26, 1947, four sealed boxes in the Library of Congress, which contain more than 10,000 of Abraham Lincoln's personal letters and paper, will be opened to the public . . . There's no truth to the rumor that a stamp will be issued showing Dorothy Lamour in a sarong. Darn it! . . . Thirteen of our southern neighbors are using the stamp facilities of the Latin American stamp section of the Pan American Union . . . With no definite date an-

nounced, the New York sale of the National Philatelic Auctions for Refugee Relief is slated for latter January or early February . . . Difficulty in obtaining sufficient quantities is causing a number of companies to drop using stamps as premiums . . . Fourth annual Intercollegiate Philatelic Exhibition sponsored by the Columbia University Stamp Society will be held March 19 to 22 . . . First day sale figures on special stamps released during 1940 that 16,652,278 stamps were sold and 6,708,069 covers were handled. Most popular first day was the Pony Express—355,433 being handled—Another well known name to be added to your list of philatelic personalities who spend their spare moments with a stamp album is Lanny Ross, popular CBS tenor . . . Little Carla Pelander, ten year old daughter of Carl Pelander, the Finnish expert, captured the hearts of all attending the Junior Session of the American Philatelic Congress held in New York early in December. Speaking to several hundred collectors she proved the star of the show, an intelligent discussion coupled with a dash of humor in the right spots made it as interesting a talk as one might ever wish to hear. During a special broadcast from the Congress on which Frank Bruns, Edwin E. Elkins, Dr. Elias Silberstein and Miss Pelander were interviewed by yours truly, I asked Carla if she felt nervous. "No," she replied, "but I think you are!" And was my face red!

HOBBY NOBBYING

Down at Weimar, Texas, there's a deer that carries mail, and we don't mean a member of the fair sex. This is the four-footed variety. His name is Billy and he carries mail from the rural letter box to his owner's home a short distance away. Billy meets the mail carrier each morning, allows him to tie the bundle of mail around his neck, waits for his customary stick of candy, and then trots off to the house with the mail. Oscar Kohleffel, Weimar, Texas, is the chappie who owns the only deer mail carrier in the U. S. Dear me! . . . Fine person that Christmas seal collectors should get to know is Charles Larenze, Philatelic Advisor at the National Tuberculosis Assoc. offices, 1790 Broadway, New York City . . . Arnold Bernard of the International Stamp Club after reading one of our columns dropped us a brief note: "My dear Sir: I have

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read your column. Oh, my dear Sir! Yours truly." . . . Wonder what he meant? . . . The late A. Eugene Michel once showed us a cover in his possession which had "\$200,000 postage" on it. The letter was mailed from Russia following the overthrow of the Czar and the old regime, which was followed by devaluation of the Russian ruble. There were 18 stamps on the cover, each stamp representing 22,500 rubles or a grand total of 405,000 rubles. Since the ruble was worth at time the stamps were printed, approximately 50 cents, the postage on the cover amounted to over \$200,000.

Censor Marks

Herman Herst, Jr., of New York City, reports a censored cover from England which indicates the officials there are more interested in what is *inside* the envelope than on the *OUTSIDE*. Although it bears the usual censor label, the cover has neither stamp nor postmark and was delivered in the U. S. without postage due.

Censor Labels as described before on British mail, are also noted with printing in orange and black as well as red.

Canada is using a white label 3 1/4" by 1 3/4" with inscription "Opened to verify contents in accordance with requirements of Foreign Exchange Control Board and officially sealed by . . ." with space below for initials of "Examiner" and space at right of wording for "Date." The dating is accomplished by a bilingual blue octagonal marking with date in center and in French and English "District Director of Postal Service, Quebec, P. Q.," which ties the label to the cover.

A cover mailed from Reykjavik, Iceland, on Nov. 13 arrived at the Linprint office December 10. It had been opened and resealed with black censor label which appears to be identical with those used elsewhere by English censors.

A cover with censor labels of both Germany and England is submitted. It took three months for the letter to come from Koln, Germany, to the U. S. A. As usual the colored paper lining the envelope had been removed.

An English censored cover is noted having the printed number in the label scratched out by pen and another number rubberstamped below it.

It isn't exactly a censor mark, but mail to the Stamp Collectors Exchange Club, Sarnia, Ontario, is being returned senders with a single-line magenta marking "MAIL FOR THIS ADDRESS PROHIBITED." Covers are backstamped at both U. S. and Canadian dead letter offices. No explanation is offered. A piece of mail addressed to Channel Islands, England, is returned with two line red rubber stamp "NO SERVICE/RETURN TO SENDER," which is understandable since the islands are occupied by German forces.

Our thanks to Adam Gruenig for submitting several of the above for inspection. Mr. Gruenig is a collector who enjoys examining current mail for the oddities and overlooked items.

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New York, N. Y.,
December 21, 1940

George W. Linn
Linn's Weekly Stamp News
531 North Park St.
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Linn:

About a year ago we inaugurated the Philatelic Research Laboratories' Contest, offering prizes totaling \$300 for the best competitive article on United States stamps.

Nothing worthy of competition has appeared as a result of this offer, for it seems that people are more interested in world problems than anything else. Since *democracy's sole champion in Europe is Britain and her limited allies* who are sacrificing their lives and everything else towards preserving liberty and our way of life, may we make the suggestion to you as a judge in this contest that the sum donated be turned over to the British Government as a small gesture of American appreciation of their sacri-

fices. The other judges have been written similarly and action, of course, is up to you.

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Y. Souren, President.

Portland, Maine
December 23, 1940

Dear Mr. Souren:

We are very much disappointed in the response to your offer of the generous awards in the manuscript contest offered by our paper and Linn's a year ago. In view of no worthwhile articles being offered we are more than pleased by your splendid offer to turn the money over to the British Government.

When you have heard from the other judges, we will act on any suggestion you may make to us. The money will be returned to you and we will make any announcement which you wish, in Mekeel's.

Very sincerely,
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News
(Signed) by Eveleen W. Severn

New York, N. Y.
December 24, 1940

A. E. Yapp, Esq.
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By Y. Souren, President

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Some prices realized at the December 6 Hi-Hat Auction of the Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., all in finest possible mint condition, included: right plate block of six 3c Victory \$4.00; bottom plate block of six 50c Graf Zeppelin \$11; top plate block of six of Duck Stamp #RW4 \$12.75; centerline block 2c Black Harding imperf \$14.75; center gutter block of 1½c rotary press Harding imperf \$7.65; arrow blocks of 2c 1908 imperf #384 at \$9.60 to \$10.50; line blocks of imperforates 3c #345 at \$3; #347 at \$7.50 and block of 8 of #532A \$19.25; plate number pair 8c Pan American \$7.60; ditto of 10c Trans-Mississippi \$7.50. Other items were a top plate block of six of the 1923 24c air, perfs touching at top, but one stamp with double transfer, \$14.50; blue proof of the 5c New York on bond paper \$4.85; pair 5c 1847, margins apparently intact, but close at right, on average cover \$18.45.

A Christmas Card bearing the illustrated two line marking stamped in dull red diagonally across the message portion is submitted by Dr. W. C. Hensyl. The compositor has matched as close as possible the style and arrangement of the rubber stamp which was evidently set from a font of rubber type. The stamp has been removed from the card but from the slight smear of ink near by it evidently had been cancelled with an impression of the marking. The card was

Light Street Pa ★ 1908.
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locally addressed, not having either street or town address, simply to a family. R. F. D. cancels disappeared about 1904. There still is a post office named "Light Street" in Columbia County, Pa. Can anyone tell about the use of this marking? Since the sender of the card failed

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even to place his address thereon, the card must have been a puzzle also to the family receiving it, and for our purposes we have no hint of point of mailing except that very likely the card was handed a rural carrier for another family on his route. In such instances they were required to cancel the stamps and this has been done with almost any means, usually a pen or pencil being employed.

It is suggested in an advertisement that the grill varieties of the U. S. 1873 (156c, etc.) are a hoax, having been made in the 1890s for collectors. We wouldn't be surprised at that. Practically nothing is known of the origin of many such varieties.

A curious single of the 1c 1902, in fine used condition, was shown us recently by R. Max Gard, Lisbon, Ohio. This had plate number 4*32 at bottom and margin below the number of several mm.

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at least, the stamp being perforated at vertical sides only; no perforation at top and none anywhere at the bottom. The perforation gauged correctly 12 on the sides. This could have come from a sheet imperforate horizontally, but a single is inconclusive proof since it could be produced by applying perforations to the imperforate 1c. Mr. Gard found it among a lot of odds and ends which had no particular value and their owner had evidently never noticed the oddity. This stamp could also be from a sideways coil of the stamp, but the large margin at bottom makes this seem unlikely. It was not customary to leave a large margin on the coils, as this lack of uniform width of the roll would make their use difficult in machines. Who can explain this stamp?

While proofs and essays are not stamps, many a collector has found they are an interesting specialty. In addition to the startlingly beautiful show pieces found in these; items which in the issued stamps either do not exist or are valued beyond average means; there are the many items such as plate and die proofs within reach of the average collector. Mounted in a U. S. collection with the issued stamps they add immensely to the interest of a collection. At the J. C. Morgenthau and Harmer, Rooke & Co. sales in January a wealth of this material is offered, and despite the great interest in these items, the small collector and dealer will be able to carry off many items. The Morgenthau lots have been described. Just before Christmas the Harmer, Rooke catalog arrived. It lists nearly 700 lots of which about half are Die Proofs, the balance Plate Proofs, Essays and Trial Color Proofs. The Earl of Crawford once had what was thought the best collection of these U. S. ever formed and the catalog shows this must have been true. The Die Proofs contain many otherwise unknown varieties of the 1861 to 1890 issues. The plate proofs include many spectacular blocks such as plate imprint and number blocks of 8 to 14 of issues from the 1869 to and through the Columbians. Full sheets of the Dollar State Departments are included. Outstanding plate blocks are those of the 90c 1869, and dollar Columbians. The inverted centers are represented by singles of all four bicolored of 1869 and the State Department dollar values. The trial color proofs include nearly a complete set of the Atlanta Exposition issue in five colors of each design from 1851 to 1873 with Officials, Newspapers, Dues, etc. Truly a magnificent offering.

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"The material he assembled," it was said at the laboratories, "reveals that Mr. Knapp, besides being a great collector, was an earnest and thorough student of American life. Aided by his deep understanding of our history and geography, he literally combed the country for historic data, documents, pictures, maps, letters, and other material pertinent to the thousands of individual items in his collection. Much of the history of the United States could be retold from these documents. As a result his collection, one of the most important known to philately, has interest and significance reaching far beyond the borders of philately itself."

• The post office of Coarse Gold, Calif., Adam Gruenig writes, is located as might be supposed in the "gold country of '49" and members of the same family have been postmasters of it ever since it was established.

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THOUGH IT WAS BROADLY HINTED at time of sale that the purchaser of the 1c British Guiana was an Australian, we note our Australian contemporary doesn't even hazard one guess as to the identity of the purchaser. Is Australia that thickly populated with prospective purchasers of \$40,000 stamps? Maybe it was Bim Gump, he's supposed to call Australia home.

THE PRESENT SPANISH GOVERNMENT's motive in selling rather than destroying the large stock of stamps of the late republic is a new one to us. It is said they were sold to punish by depreciation in value of outstanding issues those who aided the Republican forces by buying their stamps! We hope THAT doesn't become a practice. However, we are inclined to believe the reason is the same old one from Spain, no matter what government—money! Russia must do things the same way, as we note the latest government list offers some of the Czarist issues.

AN ANALYSIS BY R. M. SPAULDING, Jr., of the Constitution designs of various countries is a feature of the December *Scott's Monthly Journal*. An interesting and unusual treatment of these stamps which will make you think you had never actually seen them before—or appreciated the good designs. We hope the printer of Nicaragua's series doesn't read the S.M. J!

TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS OF members at a recent New York club meeting reminds us that should be no novelty at most stamp clubs. The only thing novel about the event was the prints being taken by the police; at many clubs exhibitors take away the same thing on their album pages.

THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT officials at the late New York World's

Fair were swamped with requests for souvenir free albums and poster stamps and there had to be a considerable delay in sending these out. Walter Kaner tells us the last batch will soon—if not by time this appears in print—be on their way to those who requested them.

The Forum

Cuyahoga Falls, O.
Friday, Dec. 13, 1940

Linn's Weekly Stamp News
Columbus, Ohio

Sirs:—

After six years of stamp collecting, I am writing my first "letter to the editor." My subject is important to the pocket-book of every collector and dealer in the country. It is the matter of "ORIGINAL GUM". (Commonly designated as O. G.)

The problem of preserving the stamp and the gum too has finally become too great for me and I have solved the problem with the aid of a little warm water. I HAVE REMOVED EVERY BIT OF GUM FROM EVERY MINT STAMP IN MY COLLECTION.

I have read many letters advocating the removal of gum from mint stamps and the many reasons advanced for doing so were sound indeed, but I have never run across anyone who has ever had the nerve to act. (Maybe I'm the first one?)

To assist anyone interested in promoting this movement—"I hereby pledge to all philatelists, that I will never discriminate against a stamp which has no gum.—On the other hand, I will always express a preference for the stamp from which the gum has been removed, even to the extent of paying a slight premium for the no-gum stamp." (It was quite a job to remove all of the gum from the whole collection.)

I would rather have a good sound undamaged stamp which has no gum than one which has gum but—is described as "thin on back" or "small pin hole." Since the gum serves no purpose whatsoever, but is only a source of trouble and expense to all involved—let's get rid of it NOW.

Who will go along with me in this movement to "Get rid of Gum?" Don't let a few people tell us what we must have. The dealers will supply us with what WE DEMAND. And we demand stamps without gum. Let me hear from you fellows who have the courage of your convictions and who have REMOVED THE GUM.

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HELD BROTHERS

1941 78th St. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Will Rogers Stamp in April?

There will be plenty of time for collectors to prepare for the Will Rogers stamp according to an item by Paul S. Hedrick in the Tulsa Daily World of December 22. Mr. Hedrick in his stamp column writes "The Postmaster at Claremore, it was learned late last week, had received indirectly from Washington, information that the Will Rogers stamp to be issued in April will be regarded as a memorial adhesive, and not as one of the Famous Americans, series of 1941." At date of going to press no official statement from Washington has been released.

Auction Calendar

The advertisers mentioned in this calendar will be pleased to send you a copy of their auction catalogues, if you will request same.

Jan. 6-7—U. S., practically complete, particularly in blocks. Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 30 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y.

Jan. 7—U. S. and foreign. Max F. Bier Co., P. O. Box 14, Staten Island, N. Y.

Jan. 8-9—British Colonies, including wholesale. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 551 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Jan. 10—Airmails, covers, foreign. The Stamp Studio, P. O. Box 11, Station W, New York City.

Jan. 10-11—50th U. S. Auction. Uptown Stamp Co., 140L W. 42nd St., New York City.

Jan. 13—U. S. Proofs, Essays, trial colors, "Earl of Crawford" collection. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 551 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Jan. 14-15—U. S. Essays, and the complete Atlanta Trial Color proofs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co., Inc., 1 West 47th St., New York City.

Jan. 15—General foreign, airm. L. Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Mich.

Jan. 22-24—U. S., Foreign. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 551 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Jan. 24—247th Public Sale U. S. and Foreign. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Jan. 25—U. S. regular postage, revenues, etc., Canada Jubilee. R. J. Lewinson Co., 525 (new address) West End Ave., New York, N. Y.

Jan 25 - 32nd Sale. U. S. and foreign. Cosmos Stamp Co., 116L Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

Feb. 3—Mail Auction. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

• When the steamer Highland Patriot was torpedoed October 1, much mail from South America destined for England was lost.

• The difference in catalog quotations for the three types of provisional overprint of Newfoundland's 1c on 3c of 1897 are accounted for by there being in the panes of 50 stamps, but 8 copies of Type B and only two of Type C.

• Basutoland used four values of the current issue overprinted "Official" in 1934 for a period of five months and then withdrawn after the Colonial Office refused to sanction the issue. None were issued the public.

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16*	.04	152	.01	233	.01	304	.40	318	.05	327	.08
17	.15	152A	.01	234	.18	305	.30	319*	.35	328	.40
20	.04	152C	.02	235*	.18	308	.01	319	.25	333*	.30
21	.08	153*	.01	235	.01	309	.03	320	.04	334	.03
23*	.04	153	.01	236*	.20	310	.01	321	.04	339	.08
24	.04	154*	.02	236	.01	311	.03	322	.25	339	.08
25	.05	154	.01	237*	.30	312	.01	323	.08	340*	.35
26	.05	155	.02	237	.01						
28	.17	155A*	.02	238	.01						
29	.17	155A	.01	239	.01						
30	1.15	162	.02	240	.01						
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32	.20	163	.01	242*	.12	J13*	.01	348	.02	J73*	.12
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34	.35	164	.01	243*	.20	J15*	.01	350	.08	J74*	.18
35	.15	165*	.01	243	.03	J16*	.01	351*	.01	J74	.02
37*	.40	165	.01	245*	.18	J18*	.01	351	.01	J75*	.20
38	.25	166*	.01	245	.03	J19*	.02	352*	.01	J75	.02
39*	1.15	166	.01	246	.20	J22*	.02	352	.01	J76	.02
40*	.15	167*	.01	247	.20	J23*	.01	353	.01	J77	.04
49*	.20	167	.01	248	.06	J24*	.01	354*	.01	J78	.02
60*	.20	168*	.02	249*	.15	J25	.01	354	.01	J79	.03
81	.03	168	.02	249	.02	J27*	.01	355*	.01	J80	.25
82	.03	169*	.01	250*	.15	J28*	.01	355	.01	J81	.30
83	.03	169	.01	250	.01	J29*	.02	356*	.01	J82	.08
84	.08	169A*	.02	253*	.25	J30*	.02	358	.08	J83	.02
85	.03	169A	.01	253	.01	J31*	.02	360	.02	J85	.08
86	.04	169B*	.01	254	.01	J32	.01	361	.02	J86	.10
87	.05	169B	.01	255	.18	J33	.01	362	.02	J87	.20
89	.40	170*	.01	256*	.02	J34	.02	365	.03	J91	.15
90	.22	171*	.01	256	.01	J41*	.01	366	.04	J92*	.08
91	.45	172*	.01	257	.01	J42*	.01	367	.02	J92	.06
92	1.15	173*	.01	258	.18	J43*	.02	368	.02	J93*	.30
93*	.01	174*	.01	259	.01	J45*	.01	370	.02	J93	.10
94*	.01	175*	.01	260*	.20	J46*	.01	371	.02	J94	.05
95	.02	176*	.01	260	.01	J47	.01	372	.02		
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100	.01	181*	.01	264	.15	N2	.05	N7*	.04	N14*	.22
101*	.01	182*	.01	265*	.50	N3	.08	N8*	.04	N14	.20
102	.01	183*	.01	266*	.40	N4	.08	N9*	.08	N15	.03
103	.01	184*	.01	266	.02	N5	.35	N11*	.25	N16	.03
105	.02	185*	.01	267	.02						
106	.02	187*	.02	268	.01	O1*	.01	O10*	.02	O17	.01
107	.01	188*	.03	269	.01	O2*	.01	O11*	.02	O18	.02
108	.01	189*	.03	270	.01	O5*	.01	O12*	.01	O19	.02
109	.01	190*	.18	271	.01	O6	.01	O14*	.02	O20	.02
110	.04	191	.01	272	.01	O7	.01				
111	.04	192*	.01	273	.01						
116	.05	192	.01	274	.04	1K1*	.05	1K12	.60	1K20	.04
121	.01	193*	.01	275	.05	1K5	.35	1K14*	.20	1K21	.07
122*	.01	193	.01	277	.40	1K6	.50	1K15*	.20	1K22	.04
122	.01	194*	.01	278	.25	1K8	.22	1K16*	.20	1K23	.30
123	.01	194	.01	279*	.05	1K9	.18	1K17*	.30	1K26*	1.25
124	.02	195	.01	279	.02	1K10	.18	1K18	.45	1K27	.20
125	.01	196	.08	282	.05	1K11	.15	1K19	.45	1K30	.07
126*	.02	197	.02	283	.08						
126	.01	198	.02	284	.02						
127	.01	199*	.03	285	.02	11-14*	.30	11-14	.30	Bi-6	.20
128*	.02	200	.01	286	.25	27-29*	.45	27-29	.45	Bi-10*	.10
128	.01	205	.15	286A	.25	27A-29A*	1.75	27A-29A	1.75	Bi-11-14*	1.25
129*	.02	206*	.05	287	.10	61-71* (perf.)	2.00	61-71	2.00	Bi-15-25*	3.25
129	.02	207*	.05	288*	.02	109-116*	.25	109-116	.25	B26-27	.25
130	.01	207	.03	288	.15	195-200*	.25	195-200	.25	B32-34*	.50
131	.03	208*	.03	289*	.25	196-200	.15	196-200	.15	Cl-9*	2.00
132	.01	208	.04	289	.25	216-225	.10	216-225	.10	J35-39*	.85
133*	.02	209*	.04	290*	.25	246-249*	.50	246-249	.50	J51-67	.70
134*	.02	209	.01	290	.20	287-291*	1.25	287-291	1.25	J68-82	.70
137*	.02	210*	.05	292	.07	292-293*	.25	292-293	.25	J95-102*	.90
138	.01	210	.01	293	.10	294-304*	3.00	294-304	3.00	O17-18*	.50
141*	.02	211*	.07	294	.01	306-307*	1.50	306-307	1.50	O19-20*	.40
142	.01	211	.02	295	.08	308-311*	.25	308-311	.25	Pl-5*	1.75
143	.01	213	.75	296*	.01	306-307	1.50	306-307	1.50	1K1-11*	3.25
144	.01	226	.02	296	.01	314-316*	.25	314-316	.25	1K28-30*	.35
145	.01	227	.01	297	.03	317-318*	.25	317-318	.25	1K33-36*	.40
146	.01	228	.02	298	.01	320-332*	4.50	320-332	4.50	2K1-12*	1.50
147	.01	229	.02	299	.04	335-338*	.40	335-338	.40		
148	.01	230	.01	300	.04	335-338	.55	335-338	.55		

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The New Scott Air Post Catalogue

The publication of a new Scott catalogue is always an event of importance to every stamp collector and dealer. The Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue covering the stamps of the world and the United States Stamp Catalogue, Specialized, are the accepted and indispensable standards connected with the buying and selling of stamps in this country. The publishers, Scott Publications, Inc., have just announced the appearance on December 18th of the 1941 edition of the Standard Catalogue of Air Post Stamps. During the past five years the production rights to this publication were leased to Nicolas Sanabria and during that period Scott Publications, Inc., did not issue any air mail catalogue under their own imprint.

This new Standard Catalogue of Air Post Stamps follows the same style and format of the two other Scott catalogues and the same governing standard of listings applies to all three publications. In other words, only such stamps as were issued for legitimate postal purposes and which were on sale for a reasonable length of time through regular channels, without any undue premium or restrictions, are admitted to the book. Minor varieties and errors are listed only when the publishers have been able to ascertain that such variations actually occurred during the regular process of manufacture and were not produced through favor, connivance or other irregularity. Stamps which are known to have been produced and marketed for the sole purpose of obtaining revenue from stamp collectors or about which there may be some question as to their regularity are not listed as regular issues but are mentioned in notes explaining their status. For example, recognition is not given to the so-called "Amelia Earhart" air mail stamp of Mexico which appeared in 1935 nor to the so-called New York Exposition issue of the various Portuguese Colonies which appeared in 1939.

The Standard Catalogue of Air Post Stamps has been compiled by Hugh M. Clark, editor, in collaboration with the American Air Mail Society through its Catalogue Listing Committee. This committee consists of the following members: Paul F. Berdanier, Jr., Chairman; William R. C. Alley; George W. Angers; Alton J. Blank; Walter J. Conrath; L. B. Gatchell; J. J. Klemann, Jr.; and Charles P. Porter. This committee has gone on record as stating their appreciation of this cooperative opportunity of re-establishing this highly interesting and important branch of philately on a thoroughly sound foundation.

Mr. Clark also acknowledges his indebtedness to a number of leading dealers who specialize in air mail stamps including Messrs. Emil Bruechig, L. W. Charlat, F. W. Kessler, Harry M. Konwiser, Robert Lyon and Nicolas Sanabria.

Each stamp is priced in three conditions, used, unused and on cover. The numbers are the same as given in the

general catalogue and other matter also conforms. The purpose, date of issue, printer and ultimate disposal of each issue is stated, except when such information is not known. The quantities issued are also given. In page arrangement the catalogue is similar to the U. S. Specialized, having two columns per page and listings being generously spaced and in larger sizes of type than used in the general catalogue. With the aid of the numerous footnotes and explanatory matter, the collector is enabled to write up his air post collection in an excellent manner. While there are gaps remaining in the information, the next edition will no doubt see some of these removed as more information is received. Two issues which have been the subject of much controversy of late, the Colombian of 1919 and Honduras 1925 are listed in the edition, the latter with a lengthy description. Many other issues, semi-official or private, which have attracted at times much interest in arero-philatelic circles are not listed, including the Canadian semi-officials, Turkish aviation fund, Australia's Ross Smith, Honduras Garay, Lundy, etc.

Under the title of each country a single paragraph gives the geographical description of the country. All designs, types of surcharges, and watermark types are fully illustrated. All in all, there are 228 pages of listings. Printing is of the usual Scott high standard of quality and binding and page size are same as the other two catalogues. Price of the catalogue is \$2.00 and it is on sale at most stamp dealers and book stores.

The editors explain their prices in a special section in the front of the book. Reasons for higher or lower sales prices than those quoted are explained. Prices for blocks of four are no longer given since in most issues these are obtainable simply at four times the single price. The cover prices are for singles used to prepay some postal rate and in most countries seem to be moderate in comparison with actual scarcity and demand. In most issues a cover is priced at roughly 25% over the price of a single used copy.

- When a letter addressed to the U. S. is mailed in a foreign country with U. S. special delivery stamps affixed, the letter will be delivered by special delivery messenger in the United States. If the country has reciprocal service with the U. S., the letter is treated as short-paid in the U. S. and addressee is charged postage due for double the special delivery fee, less the face value of special delivery stamps. Under these regulations various foreign post offices have stocked U. S. Special Delivery stamps.

- Though native characters are used for every word in Japanese, the figures used are the adopted ones from Western countries, consequently all stamps now have only the figure of value in internationally used characters.

Stamp Club Activities

Danville, Ill. — The Mid-West Stamp Club has applied for membership as a chapter in the American Stamp Association. The club meets twice each month. Dates and place may be learned upon inquiry of Miss Ruth Flynn, Secretary.

- Mozambique's 1933 regular issue came into use in July, 1933, and after 60 days, the old Ceres design stamps were no longer receivable for postage, though in the interim could be exchanged.

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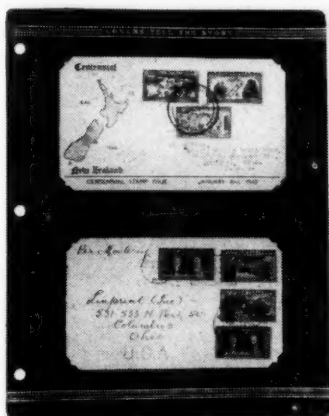
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• The pairs of flourishes found on first issues of Puerto Rico are derived from a Spanish regulation that fiscal stamps of a provisional nature be marked with one or more "rubricas," which were nothing more than the flourish of some officer's signature. This was hoped to prevent counterfeiting.

• King Arthur: "How much will you take for this suit of armor, Lance?"
Lancelot: "Three cents an ounce, Art. It's first class mail!"

• The bust of the sculptor Sergel depicted on the recent Swedish commemoratives was one produced by Sergel himself.

• The Chicago Philatelic Society maintains a collection of counterfeits which is used by members to check doubtful specimens.

• Redwood Park is a new post office established in San Mateo County, Calif.



POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

A Record of New Issues

By Ray Shepard

1529 Duxberry Ave., Columbus, Ohio



—Illustration courtesy J. Chas. Baxter of Columbus Citizen

NIGERIA—New Denomination. To be added to the current series of Postage stamps, in the same design as the present issue:

2½d. orange

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

POLAND—German Occupation. Pictorial set issued by Germany for that section of Poland she claims as a part of Germany. Inscribed "GENERAL GOVERNEMENT":

6g. brown (St. Florian's Gate)
8g. orange-brown (Wawel Castle)
10g. yellow-green (Gateway)
12g. green (Courtyard)
20g. deep brown (Church)
24g. red-brown (Walls of Wawel)
30g. violet (Church)
40g. slate-green (Arcade)
50g. blue (Town Hall)

Ecuador's Stamps Cost More

As a result in increase of value of the Ecuadorian sucre, the Pan American Union found it necessary to increase the price of the Pan-American Union commemoratives of that country on sale at the Union in Washington, D. C. The Union must sell all stamps for member countries at not less than face value and in this instance the increase was necessary to protect the Ecuadorian government from possible loss.

The Union has so far been assured by only one country, the Dominican Republic, that supplies of all new issues will be sent the Union for sale to collectors. As of the present, no additional varieties from the Dominican Republic have arrived, but will be announced by the Union.

60g. olive (Courtyard of Wawel Castle)
80g. purple (St. Mary's Church)

Semi-Postal. Four of the views shown on the above set have been used on the under-noted values. Red Cross in red on each stamp:

12g. plus 8g. olive-green & red
(same as 12g. above)

24g. plus 16g. olive-green & red
(same as 24g. above)

50g. plus 50g. olive-green & red
(same as 50g. above)

80g. plus 80g. olive-green & red
(same as 80g. above)

(R. Roberts)

ROUMANIA—Souvenir Sheets. Sheets of 1939-40, overprinted on each stamp "Pro Patria 1940":

SP84—25b. olive-black, 50b. violet brown, 1.50L. green.

a. imperf.

SP85—3L. red-orange, 4L. rose-lake, 5L. black, 12L. dull blue.

a. imperf.

SP86—2L. myrtle-green, 7L. olive-black, 8L. dark blue, 10L. deep magenta.

a. imperf.

Type of 1935-40. Photogravure, perf. 13½, wmkd. Crown and Monograms:

A141—2L. dark blue-green
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Lakewood (N. J.) Club to Organize

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a stamp club at Lakewood, N. J., has been scheduled for Monday evening, January 13, at the Y. M. C. A. building on Second Street at 8 P. M. Anyone in the city or nearby who is interested in helping form such a club should attend the meeting, or contact Adolph Klingenstein at his stamp store at 204 Second St., Lakewood. Mr. Klingenstein has taken an active part in New Jersey stamp clubs and federations.

• A navy post office has been established on the U. S. S. Trout.

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Kent Stiles writing in the *New York Times* confirms my story of last week on the German overprints on French stamps. The overprint is definitely there, but as Mr. Stiles points out: did the German authorities officially apply the overprint or was it done by speculators? Anyway the New York market is divided on its authenticity. However you readers can suit yourselves at this time. The set has a current retail price of \$39.00.

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• With the complete change in official attitude of the Roumanian government toward the pro-Nazi Iron Guard, the government is preparing to issue stamps in memory of the former leader, Codreanu, who was killed while under arrest during an outbreak.

• In 1922 when the provisional surcharges of Azerbaijan were produced by means of a numbering machine, the machine evidently was not locked to prevent it printing consecutive numbers, for varieties of the overprint are known which indicated the wheels had turned, resulting in such varieties as "15,006" for "15,000" etc.



NOTE: This column will appear occasionally as space permits and is intended to be helpful to our subscribers in answering their questions on stamps. We cannot undertake to expertise stamps; give valuations or advice on where they may be sold.

"Why must I pay return postage and registration on orders sent the Philatelic Agency?" Since the franking privilege is set by act of Congress, only passage of a new law would permit the franking of mail from the Agency. You do not have to pay registration unless you want to. It is unnecessary so far as safety to register small orders of but minor value. Registration for orders smaller than a dollar is absurd; for it would then be cheaper to buy the stamps from a dealer.

"How are cachets and postmarks obtained from offices such as are mentioned in your paper: 'Navy post offices have been ordered established on the U. S. S. Mayo and Barnett, as branches of New York City?'" Simply send covers inside a larger envelope addressed "Navy Mail Clerk, U. S. S. Mayo, New York, N. Y." All navy offices, with very few exceptions (and these are noted in the news items) are branches of New York City's post office, regardless of location of the vessel.

"I have a 2c U. S. No. 634 but it has Electric Eye markings, though the catalogue says this stamp was issued in 1926-27. The Electric Eyes were not supposed to have been used until 1935. How do you explain this?" The year given in the catalogue does not indicate the entire period of issue. It only gives the year or years in which a series first was issued. The 2c No. 634 was issued until superseded by the 2c Presidential over ten years later. Late printings of it were made from plates equipped for Electric Eye perforating.

"Are the 10c, 15c and 20c airmail stamps used for anything other than gathering in collectors' money? Kindly mention the purpose these stamps have served since 1926." Our reader is too suspicious; and we can see he is one who does NOT read the post office bulletin board posters. These three stamps individually as well as in combination make a number of air mail rates to West Indies and Latin-American points, and

enjoy considerable use on those mails. The 10c is used for the single rate to Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, etc. The 15c in like manner is used to Canal Zone, Panama, Trinidad, Leewards and others. The 20c also makes the exact rate to many points. Mailers are urged by the postal service to use these distinctive stamps and sales at the Agency must be a small fraction of totals.

"Why are the Netherlands air mail stamps of 1933 and 1938 inscribed in Dutch 'Special Flights' while other Dutch airmails are simply inscribed 'Airmail?'" The 1933 stamp was for use on Christmas mail via special flights from Amster-



dam to Batavia, East Indies. The 1938 stamp was issued for use on a special flight to South Africa in connection with the Voortrekker Centenary there with a celebration on Dingaans Day, the date on which the Dutch immigrants defeated the native chieftain and his army.

"Was the red or blue plate number missing on the 24c inverted center airmail sheet of 1918?" The only plate number on the sheet was at the bottom, it being the number of the plate for printing the centers and consequently was in blue.

"Is it permissible to send covers to postmasters at various towns in order to obtain the postmark?" There is no objection, and usually postmasters are pleased to oblige. However they are not required to supply all sorts of services and act as general souvenir agents in the procuring of pictures, souvenirs, etc., and in some instances they have been over-run with requests of this nature.

"An airmail cover received bears in addition to the airmail envelope stamp, a 10c Jane Addams stamps. What does that signify?" Apparently the sender intended this to be a special delivery letter, but failed to mark it and the post office also failed to notice the overpayment. That is why the P. O. urges mailers to use special stamps for this purpose, as clerks can quickly identify such mail.

• Toward the end of the Civil War, men were so scarce for some civil occupations in the South that at the post office of Mobile at least, the force was composed of women.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

The Defense parade continues. No two or three cent Bureau values as yet. Lawrence Bros. have the 1c San Diego; A. C. Cole the 1c Kansas City, Kans., Kansas City, Mo., and Fort Wayne.—In the local types we came across our first two-cent from Marlton, N. J., sent out by Frank Lynes, genial editor of the Stamp Magazine. A. C. Cole showed me a 3c from Summit, N. J., in U-12. A small lot of mixture turned up a 1c Chillicothe in U-121. Lawrence Bros. have the 1c Defense Pocatello, Idaho, in U-71. W. O. Earles has same from Bowerston, Ohio, in U-121N.—Same small lot of mixture turned up a nice piece that I don't think many OHIO collectors have: a 1/2c Bicent and a 1c Century of Progress from LOGAN, O., in U-122.—A card from Moriz Bernstein with a 1/2c Presidential from BLUE BELL, Pa., U-121. A card from D. S. Kelly with 1/2c West Milton, U-121 inv. One too from Don MacBain with a 1/2c Dayton city type coil.—Larry Edmonds sends me a 2c and 20c North Bergen, N. J., Presidentials, U-121 type, also a 1/2c Battle Creek Presidential in that old fancy double line type. I guess they will keep printing from that plate till the end of the Century, then perhaps lay it away to rest. I wonder how many more values on the Presidential series have been overprinted by this plate. I previously noted the 1c. Who has seen others?—A 1/2c LYNDON, KY., Presidential in U-122 for new town and type. Noted some 11c Presidential Bureaus coming through from Cincinnati nicely off center smudged and dated. Ought not to be much danger of reuse here. How often have you noted high values UNDATED and low values DATED? You will see them every now and then and one just about as often as the other.—More Presidential bureaus. 3c Canton, O., U-122; 8c and 9c Jamaica, N. Y., U-12N; 3c Kingsport, Tenn., U-121; 10c Dayton, Ohio, U-12; 1c Millersburg U-73; 2c Waukegan, Ill., U-10; 1/2c Niles, O., U-122.—Hoping that you all had a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR and that no one was injured leaning over the trash barrel going after the Christmas precancels. (How about the precancel collector lynched Dec. 24 by an angry line-up of patrons delayed by his mailing bricks to get precancels?—Ed.)

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